



Head Start

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Staff NEWSLETTER

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Director's Corner ♥

Welcome Back, HARCATUS Head Start Team!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer! As we begin a brand new school year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the dedication, passion, and heart you bring to our program. You make a difference in the lives of our children and families every day, and we are so lucky to have such an amazing team!

This year brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and make a lasting impact. Let's continue to work together, support one another, and keep our focus on what matters most — our children and families.

Here's to a successful, meaningful, and joyful school year!

Better Together ♥

Child Attendance- Every Day Counts!

First 60 Days of School

Head Start Performance Standard: 1302.16

During the first 60 days of program operation, staff must review individual child attendance data to identify children whose attendance patterns may place them at risk of missing 10% of program days. Once identified, staff should work with families to understand barriers and develop appropriate strategies to support improved attendance.

Regular attendance is a team effort!

Let's use our attendance data, build strong relationships with families, and provide support early so every child has the opportunity to benefit from their Head Start experience.

- ☒ Attend
- ☒ Learn
- ☒ Grow
- ☒ Succeed

EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS ♥

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to school! Duration classrooms are in session and Double Session classrooms have met their students and will be in full swing next week! Many emotions are circling around with first year students and second year students as well. Please remember to regulate yourselves with our new little ones as they enter with high emotions! Many are leaving mom and dad for the first time and some are just getting back into the routine of school again.

Start your classroom off right with routines and expectations. Take the extra time to show and explain everything to them; even the returning kiddos need reminders! The classroom is a new environment to many and it is our job to teach students to feel safe in our care. If it helps, send your classroom commitments home to families so they know the expectations as well.

Your students will not learn these in a week so remember to model and remind every day!



Did you know? ☀



WIC provides access to fresh fruits and vegetable through local Farmers Market Vouchers. Additionally, WIC provides monthly fruit and vegetable vouchers in addition to a family's monthly food plan allowance. Only about half of the women and children eligible for WIC are enrolled. Local WIC offices are in all 88 Ohio Counties.



All of the counties HARCATUS serve have local Farmers Markets that operate thru mid-October. The Tuscarawas Valley Farmers Market is at the Tuscarawas County Fairground every Wednesday from 3PM to 7PM.

Good Information to Share with our Families! ♥

Seasonal Produce - September

Apples, Blackberries, Broccoli, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Corn, Eggplant, Garlic, Grapes, Green Beans, Kale, Pears, Peppers, Potatoes, Pumpkin



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